

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete, marked-up listing of revised claims with a status identifier in parenthesis, underlined text indicating insertions, and strike through and/or double-bracketed text indicating deletions.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of storing and transmitting information generated by a first security module connected to a user unit, the first security module includes a unique identifier and specific information representative of its functioning, the first security module being able to be replaced by a second security module, the method comprising:

- determining the specific information contained in the first security module intended for transmission,
- transferring the specific information into the user unit,
- storing the specific information in the user unit,
- replacing the first security module by the second security module,
- connecting ~~[[of]]~~ the user unit on a transmission network,
- initializing a transfer of information between the second security module and a management center, and
- inserting by the user unit, of a data block in the blocks transmitted by the second security module to the management center, the data block includes the identifier of the first security module and the stored data specific to the first security module.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of storing and transmitting according to claim 1, wherein the transfer of the specific information of the first security module is carried out at regular interval.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of storing and transmitting according to claim 1, wherein the transfer of the specific information of the first security module is carried out each time the information is modified.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of storing and transmitting according to claim 1, wherein the transfer of the specific information is stopped after the replacement of the first security module by the second security module.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of storing and transmitting according to claim 4, wherein the transfer of the specific information is authorized as soon as a successful connection with the management center has been carried out.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of storing and transmitting according to claim 4, wherein the transfer of the specific information is authorized by a command sent by the management center.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of storing and transmitting according to claim 2, wherein the transfer of the specific information is stopped after the replacement of the first security module by the second security module.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of storing and transmitting according to claim 3, wherein the transfer of the specific information is stopped after the replacement of the first security module by the second security module.

9. (New) The method of storing and transmitting according to claim 1, wherein the specific information are stored in the user unit while the first security module is removed.